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ALADDIN, I  
HAVE A FEELING  
I CAN SPEAK  
WITH YOU OF  
SUCH THINGS.

おおたかしのR  
大高忍

WHAT LIES INSIDE  
SINBAD'S RECOLLEC-  
TIONS? IS IT HOPE  
OR DESPAIR...?

342ND NIGHT: THE INNOVATOR

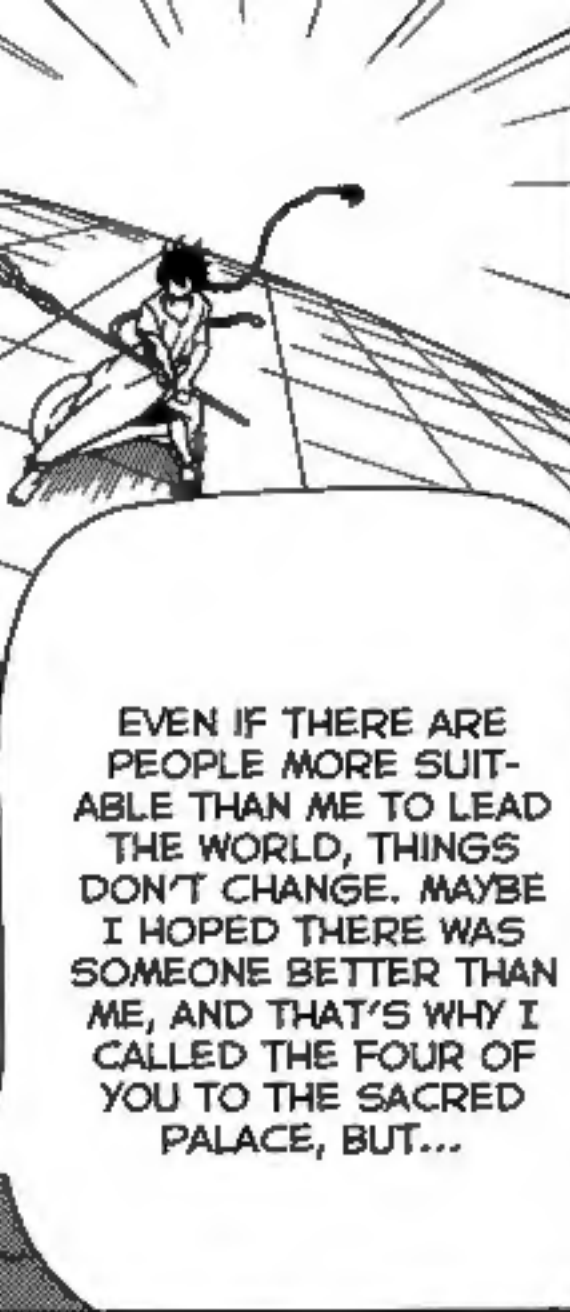
IN ORDER  
TO PROVE THAT  
YOU ARE THE  
WORLD'S MOST  
SUITABLE CAN-  
DIDATE TO  
BE GOD.

YOU'RE  
HAVING A  
CONTEST OF  
STRENGTH  
WITH US,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

WHY ARE  
YOU DOING  
THIS, UNCLE?  
IF YOU JUST  
WANTED TO  
TALK, WE  
COULD'VE  
DONE IT BE-  
FORE IN THE  
WORLD.

I GUESS  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.





OR SHOULD  
THEY BE  
GUIDED BY  
OTHERS!?

AN IRRATIONAL  
WORLD, SHOULD  
HUMANS LIVE  
ACCORDING TO  
THEIR OWN WILL,

WE SHOULD  
MOVE FORWARD  
LITTLE BY LITTLE  
WHILST COM-  
PETING AGAINST  
EACH OTHER,  
AND LIVING  
ACCORDING TO  
OUR OWN  
WILLS.


FOR THE VERY  
REASON THAT  
WE LIVE IN AN  
IRRATIONAL  
WORLD...

THAT'S MY  
ANSWER.






I SEE,  
ALADDIN



EVEN IF THE CON-  
FLICTS HAPPENING  
AROUND THE WORLD  
NEVER END, WE MUST  
CONTINUE LIVING. I,  
TOO, UNDERSTOOD  
THAT THE MOMENT  
I SET FOOT IN THE  
SACRED PALACE.



YET, WHY DO  
YOU WANT TO  
CHANGE THE  
WORLD?



BECAUSE  
THAT'S  
WHAT I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED.





BUT I ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT IT'S NOT AS IF ANYONE REALLY WANTS THE WORLD TO CHANGE. EVEN THOSE WHO WERE MY COMRADES IN THE PAST, DON'T WANT ME TO BE AN INNOVATOR ANYMORE.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, THERE'S NOTHING SO DIFFICULT THAT IT CANNOT BE CHANGED IN SOME WAY.

IT'S EXACTLY AS YOU SAY, ALADDIN.



YOUR FORMER COMRADES? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



.....  
?




I'M TALKING ABOUT THE EIGHT GENERALS.





WE BUILT A  
COUNTRY,  
FORMED ALLI-  
ANCES, AND  
SWORE THAT  
WE WOULD  
STOP CON-  
FLICTS...

WE WERE  
REAL INNO-  
VATORS.



THE PAST, WE  
WERE ANGRY  
AT THIS IRRA-  
TIONAL WORLD  
AND WANTED  
TO CHANGE IT.



AND THEN  
WE SHAPED  
THIS WORLD  
ACCORDING  
TO OUR  
IDEALS.



... WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?



BUT AS  
SOON AS  
WE ACCOM-  
PLISHED  
ALL THAT,  
SOMETHING  
UNEXPECTED  
HAPPENED.  
ALL OF MY  
COMRADES  
STOPPED  
BEING INNO-  
VATORS.

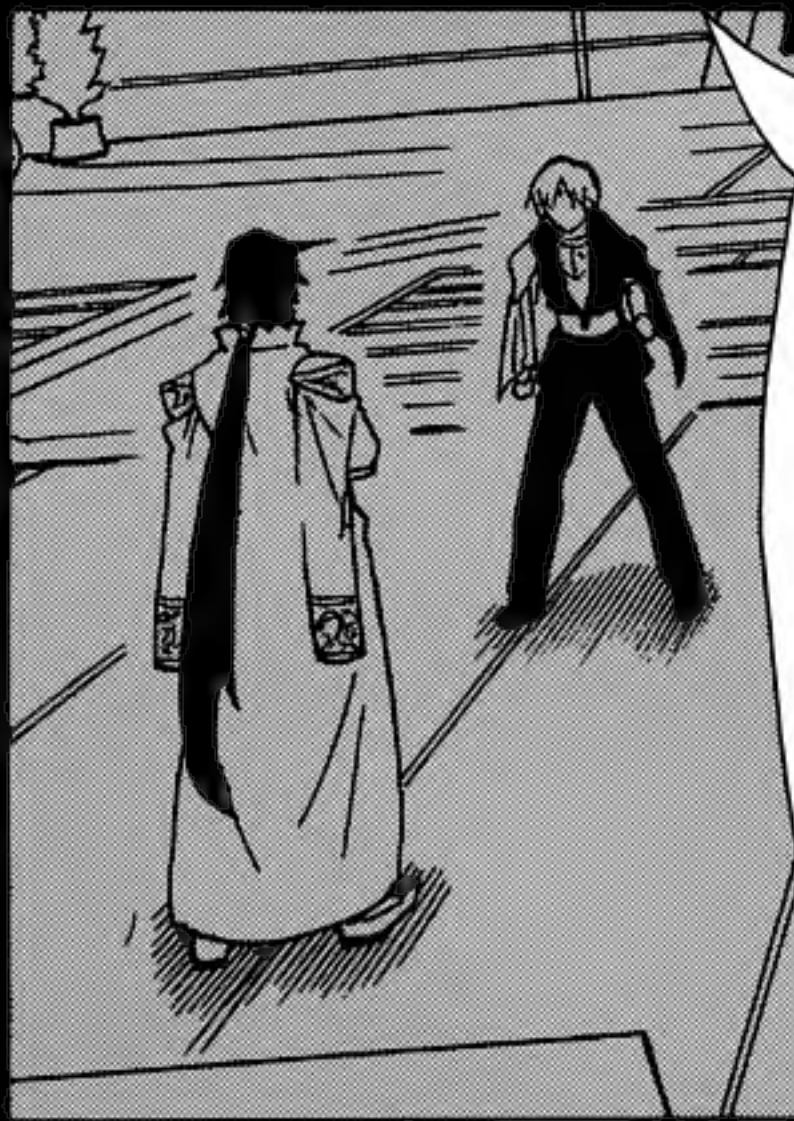






THEY GREW  
TO LOVE THE  
THINGS THEY  
HAD BUILT  
TOO MUCH.

"IF REIM AND KOU  
BECOME ALLIES, ALL  
THE THINGS YOU'VE  
BUILT UNTIL NOW BY  
PUTTING YOUR LIFE  
ON THE LINE WILL  
BE FOR NAUGHT!"



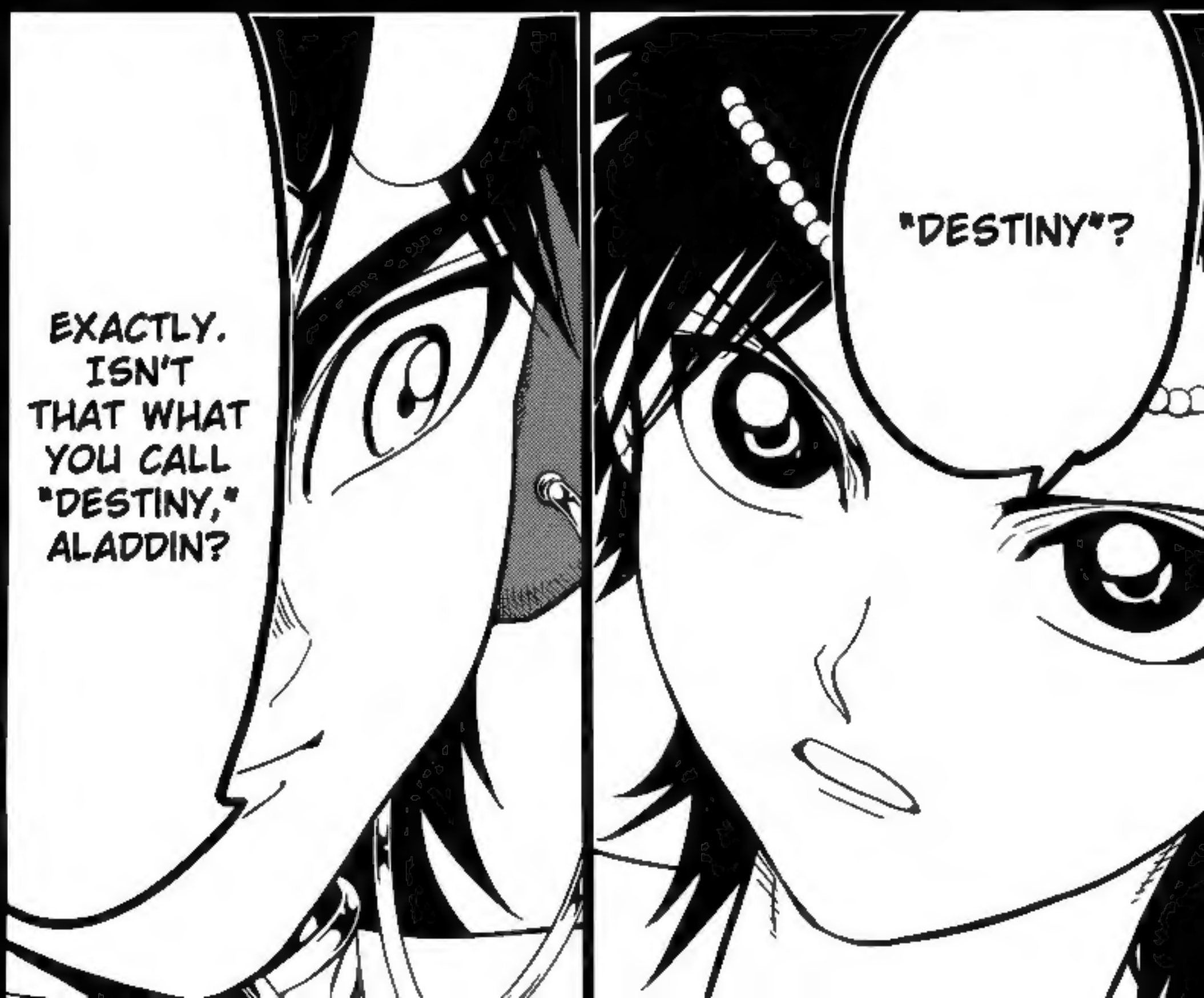
JA'FAR WAS  
SO DESPERATE  
TO PROTECT THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
ALLIANCE AND  
THE SEVEN SEAS  
ALLIANCE THAT HE  
BURST INTO MY  
ROOM WEARING  
AN EXPRESSION  
I'D NEVER SEEN  
BEFORE, TELLING  
ME THAT I WAS  
SUPPOSED TO  
STOP THE KOU  
EMPIRE FROM  
LEAVING.

I REALLY LOVED  
THE SINDRIA  
KINGDOM WHEN  
MY KING STILL  
RULED IT.



SHARRKAN  
AND THE OTHERS  
MISSED THE OLD  
SINDRIA KINGDOM.  
I SHOULD'VE EX-  
PECTED SUCH A  
THING, BECAUSE  
OUR GOAL WAS  
TO MAKE THAT  
ISLAND A PA-  
RADISE FOR  
ALL OF US.

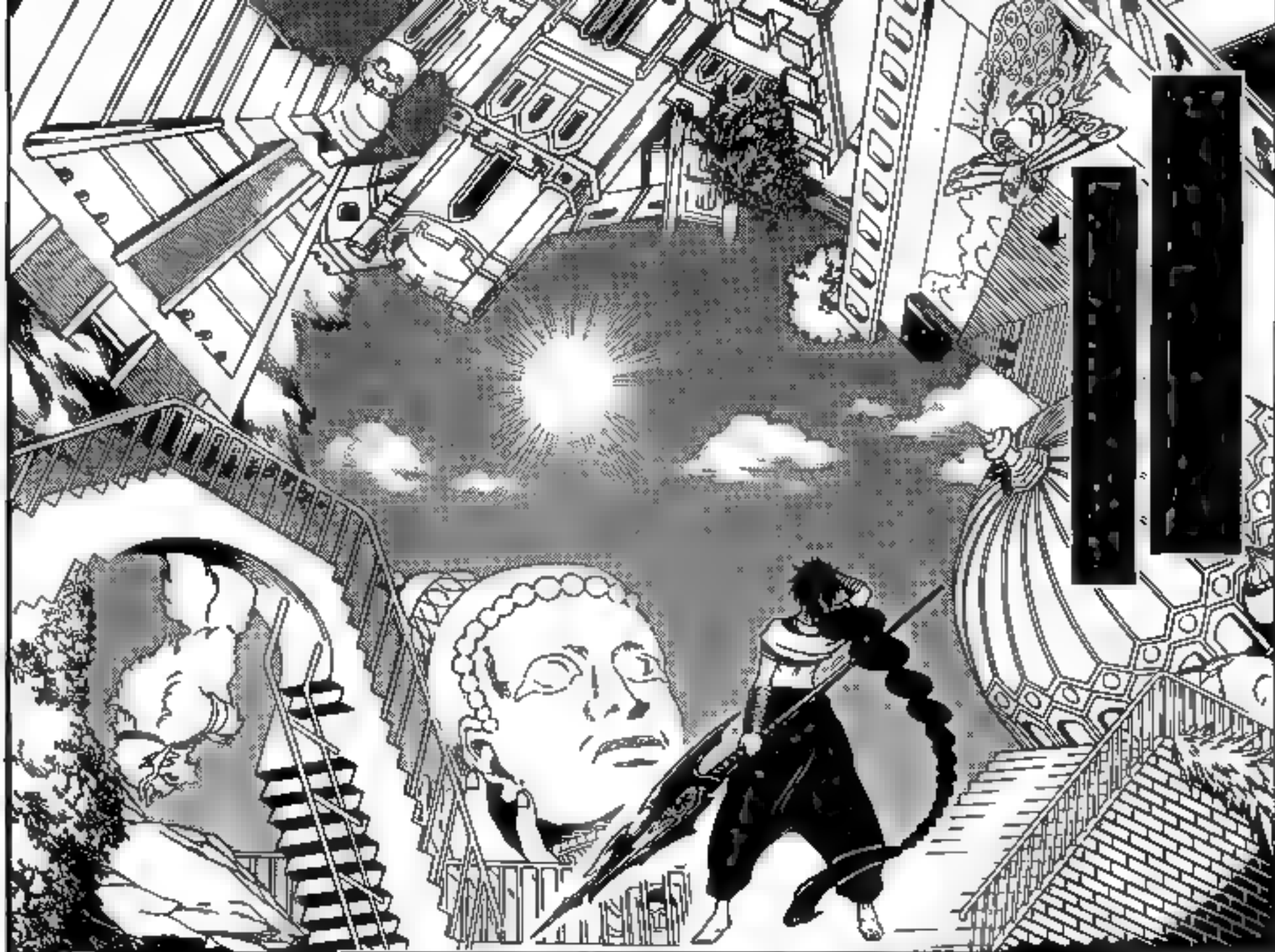




EXACTLY.  
ISN'T  
THAT WHAT  
YOU CALL  
"DESTINY,"  
ALADDIN?

"DESTINY"?





I DON'T THINK  
IT'S WRONG TO  
WANT TO PROTECT  
WHAT YOU'VE  
CREATED.

THAT'S  
RIGHT.

LIKE WANT-  
ING TO PRO-  
TECT YOUR  
FAMILY...

WHEN THOSE  
NATURAL FEEL-  
INGS CLASH  
AGAINST EACH  
OTHER, WAR  
IS BORN. IT  
CANNOT BE  
STOPPED.

AND THE  
IRONIC  
THING IS  
THAT...

THEY ARE  
NATURAL  
FEELINGS  
THAT ALL  
HUMAN  
BEINGS  
POSSESS.

THOSE  
FEELINGS  
THAT TELL YOU  
TO PROTECT  
YOUR FAMILY  
OR COUNTRY  
AREN'T BAD;  
THEY'RE  
NORMAL.



WHY CAN'T  
THEY SUC-  
CEED?

EVEN THOUGH  
EVERYONE BEGINS  
BY THINKING OF  
WAYS TO MAKE  
THE WORLD A  
BETTER PLACE .







DON'T YOU  
AGREE,  
ALADDIN?

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TO A MOTHER  
WHO WOULD  
RAISE AN ARMY  
TO PROTECT  
HER GREAT  
EMPIRE.

FROM A FATHER  
WHO WOULD  
WIELD A SWORD  
TO PROTECT A  
SINGLE MEMBER  
OF HIS FAMILY,

WE HUMANS  
ARE MADE IN  
THIS WAY.







AND WHEN THE TIME  
COMES TO PROTECT  
WHAT THEY'VE BUILT,  
THEY WIELD THEIR  
WEAPONS.

REALIZE IT,

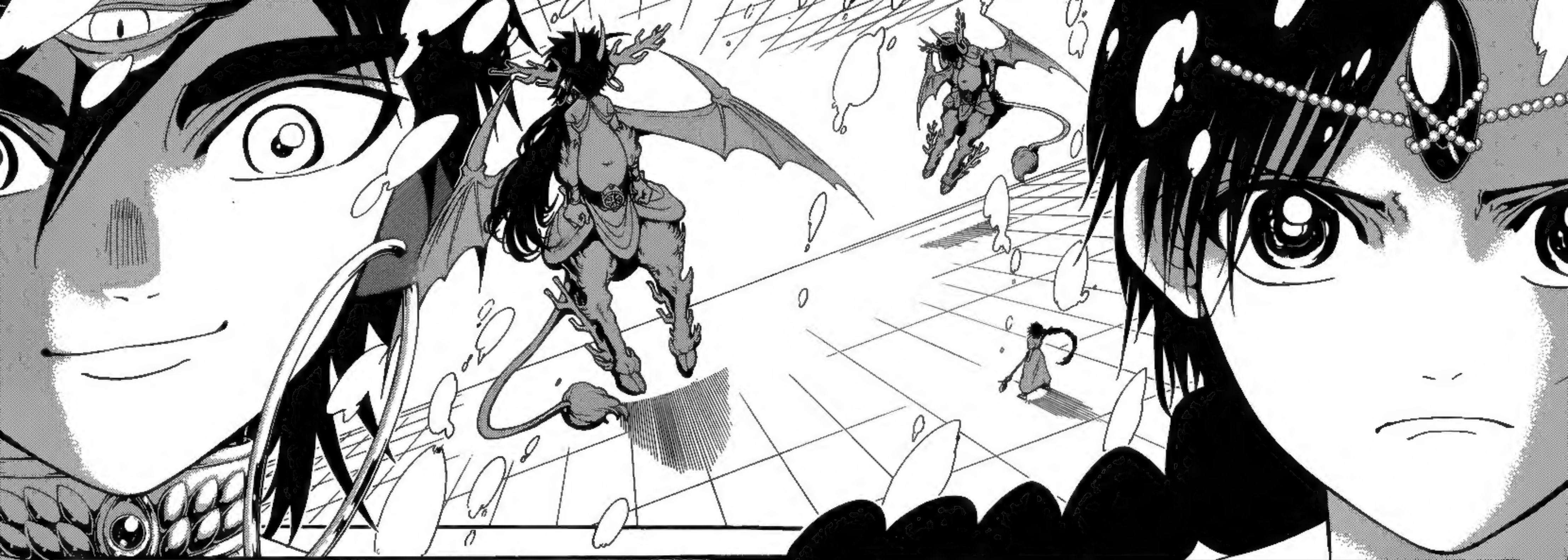
THEY  
PICTURE A  
DREAM,





THEN, THEY  
DO WHATEVER  
IT TAKES...





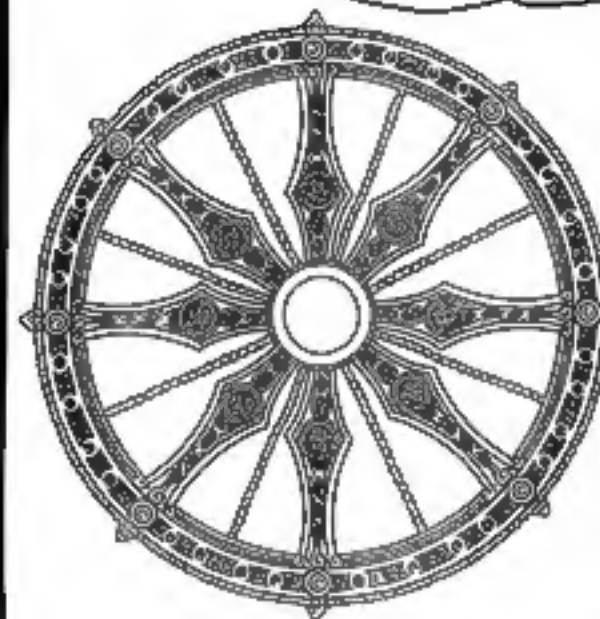
AS LONG AS  
YOU LIVE AS A  
HUMAN BEING,  
WAR AND OTHER  
IRRATIONAL THINGS  
WON'T DISAPPEAR,  
NO MATTER HOW  
MANY TIMES YOU  
CHANGE THE  
SYSTEM THAT  
RULES THIS  
WORLD.

IT'S SO  
SAD...

YOU  
FEEL SAD,  
RIGHT,  
UNCLE?

I FINALLY  
UNDER-  
STAND.

IT'S NOT THE  
WORLD THAT  
CREATES WAR,  
BUT HUMANS.



THE WAR  
THAT I HATE  
SO MUCH HAS  
HUMANKIND'S  
NATURAL FEEL-  
INGS AS ITS  
DRIVING  
FORCE.

IT'S  
SUCH A  
TRIVIAL  
THING.





YOU'RE  
AGAINST  
MY USING  
THE POWER  
OF GOD,  
RIGHT?



...  
ALADDIN,

HUMANITY'S  
HEARTS, BY  
MANIPULATING  
THE RUKH,  
ISN'T IT?

THAT'S  
WHY YOU  
REWROTE  
...



YES. I CAN'T  
AGREE WITH  
WHAT YOU'RE  
GOING TO DO. I  
ALREADY TOLD  
YOU THIS.



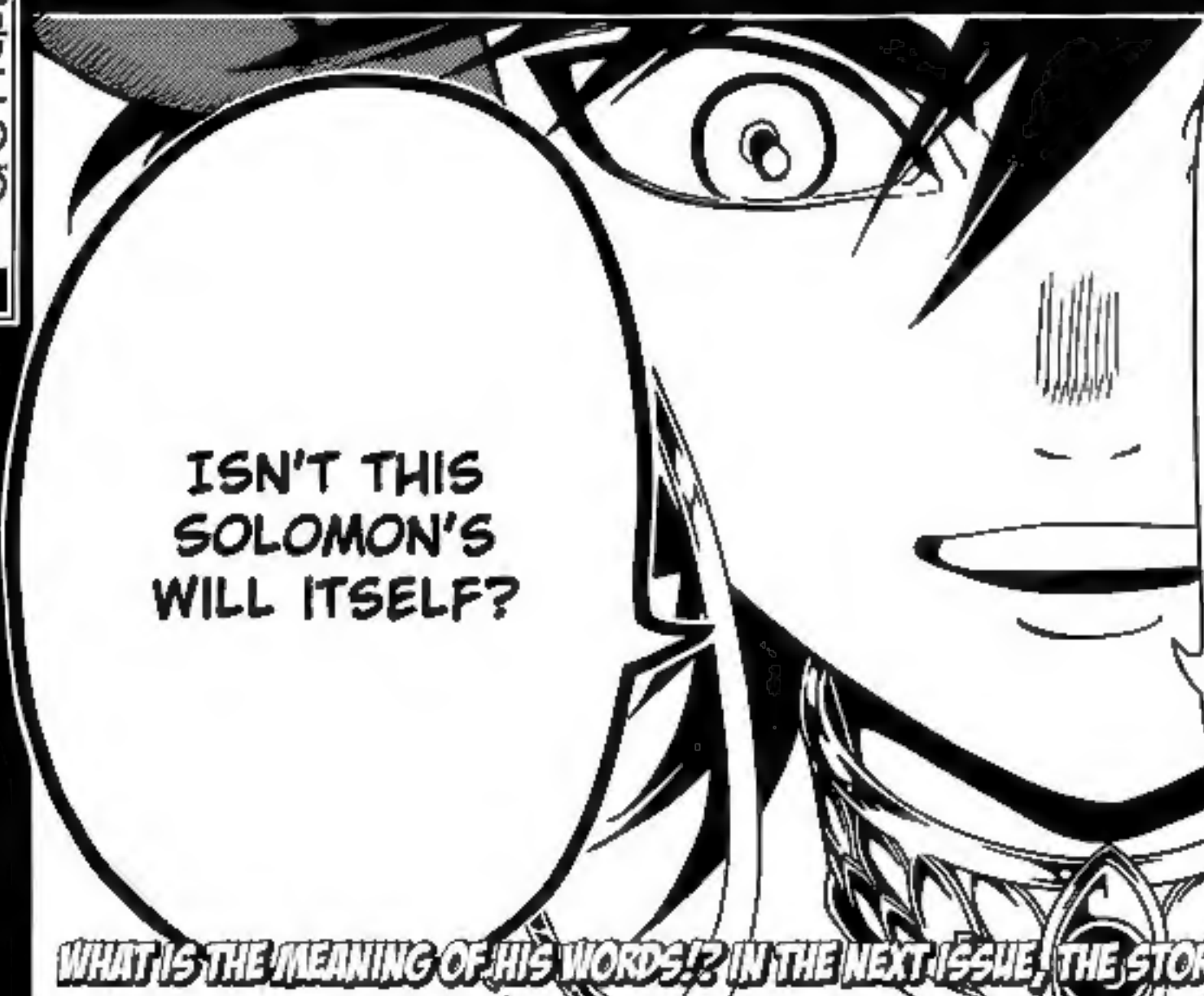
WHO...  
MADE YOU  
INTO A  
GOD...!?



HOWEVER...  
DID YOU EVER  
THINK ABOUT  
WHO PLACED  
ME ON THE  
THRONE OF  
GOD?



ISN'T THIS  
SOLOMON'S  
WILL ITSELF?



DAVID, ARBA, EVEN  
UGO THOUGHT  
THAT SINBAD HAD  
DIED. BUT I WAS  
BROUGHT BACK  
TO LIFE. WHAT DO  
YOU THINK THIS  
MEANS?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF HIS WORDS!? IN THE NEXT ISSUE, THE STORY ENTERS A NEW STAGE!!